

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, October 27, 2005

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, October 27, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Walter Martin
DC Joyce Motley
Cmdr. Leo Powers
Cmdr. Brain Stair
Sgt. Charles Spruce
Sgt. Romel Alexander
Sgt. Steven Plieth
P.O. Michael Woody
P.O. Kent Cooper

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Walters
Ron Scott

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ramirez called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:15 pm.

Chairperson Ramirez acknowledged the presence of Board members and staff.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, October 20, 2005**

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chairperson Ramirez stated she reviewed the 8th Quarterly Monitor's Report. She asked the Chief how information is being disseminated under the new plan.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that it is a matter that is being addressed and dealt with.

Chairperson Ramirez asked if officers' have to sign (forms) stating they received the new policies.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes, that's correct. Especially the ones that are associated with the Consent Decree.

Chairperson Ramirez asked Atty. Hooks was the meeting tomorrow about the Matrix.

Atty. Hooks indicated yes, and stated the meeting is at noon on the IMAS system.

Chairperson Ramirez asked what is the status of police officers carrying OCI brochures.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated she will look into it and get an answer.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that one of the questions on the Monitor's Report Card was about passing out the brochures.

She stated to the Board that DC Logan will have an answer for her about the in-car video next week.

She indicated that the Monitor's Report does have a lot of positive things about what the department has complied with.

She stated every time she reads the newspaper the information is always negative about the city.

Comm. Holley stated when you read the newspaper it seems like they are describing a different city. This city is in better condition than what they are reporting.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated most of the time they report the one compliance that the department did not meet. They do not mention the ones the department was in compliance with. She stated you would never know if progress is being made if you do not read the actual report.

Comm. Holley stated that it is very difficult to understand these report cards if you are reading what you want to read from the report. He stated the department is doing a great job and let's keep moving forward.

Chairperson Ramirez stated there are proposed new hires. The individuals that we are putting forth are Ms. Roslyn A. Banks, Mr. John Patterson and Mr. Carlton Meriwether. Ms. Banks, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Meriwether will be hired as Police Commission Investigators assigned to the Office of the Chief Investigator.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the above new hires.

SECOND: **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS**

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

This Week

Year to Date

2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	37	1259
2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	35	1362

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **15** cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **5** cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned **0** cases to OCI.

Comm. Holley asked Exec. Dir. Goss can the Board get a break down of the complaints.

Exec. Dir. Goss stated that is done in the Annual Report.

Comm. Holley asked what happens when the Board receives that information.

Chairperson Ramirez stated we did receive a break down of the complaints from each precinct when the database was working.

Exec. Dir. Goss stated we have hired staff to get the database up and running.

Comm. Holley stated he asked the question so we can have checks and balances.

Chairperson Ramirez asked ICI Sheard when the Board should expect a report.

I.C.I. Sheard stated we are working on the current data base to have it converted to a "Sequel" database.

Chairperson Ramirez asked is three weeks the time frame for the report.

I.C.I. Sheard stated he does not think the Sequel database will be ready in three weeks, but they will be able to acquire information from the current database. Then some time after that we can get information from the Sequel database.

Comm. Okdie asked I.C.I. Sheard if he was talking about SQL.

I.C.I. Sheard stated yes, sir.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.



SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement

Homicide

Special points of interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday November 3rd, 2005
@3:00 P.M.

Police Headquarters

1300 Beaubien Suite 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

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During the period of October 17th-October 23rd, Narcotics /Gang Enforcement conducted 24 search warrants and 56 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 37 Felony arrests
 - 153 Misdemeanor arrests
 - 2 Juveniles detained
 - 411.7 Grams of cocaine, 22.5 grams of heroin, 12,393.4 grams of marijuana and 2 pills, street value **\$254,773.00**
 - **\$26,493.00** in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 13 Handguns

On October 20th, officers from Homicide responded to the 6500 block of Wagner on a “Fatal Stabbing” run. An investigation revealed that while at another location a man and a woman argued over money, which lead to a physical altercation. The man produced a knife and stabbed the woman multiple times. The woman was rushed to the hospital where she died while in surgery. An autopsy was performed and the manner of death was determined to be homicide. **As a result of an investigation the man was arrested without incident for “Murder-First Degree,” “Homicide-Felony Murder.” Confiscated was one (1) knife.**

Violent Crimes Task Force

On October 20th, an elderly man was at home watching television when two (2) men broke into in the home and demanded all of the elderly man’s valuables. When the two (2) men realized there were not any in the home, they began to assault the elderly man for hours. Officers received information as to the location of the wanted men. **Subsequent to an investigation both men were arrested without incident For “Assault with Intent to Murder,” and “Home Invasion 1.”**



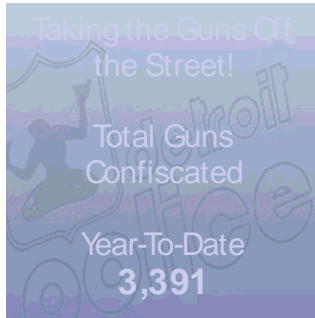
It's time once again for Detroiters to stand together for Angels' Night, October 29-31. Each year, roughly 50,000 Angels' Night volunteers patrol city streets, turn on their porch lights and watch over their neighborhoods. We need the help of every caring Detroiter to continue to keep our city safe. **For Additional Information, Please call the Volunteer Office Number at (313) 224-4415.**

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Police / Community Intervention

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Eastern District



On October 18th, officers of the Eastern District, while on patrol in the 500 block of Algonquin, observed two (2) men carrying televisions down the street. Officers immediately recalled numerous burglaries in the area and approached the men to investigate. [As a result of an investigation and after a brief foot chase both men were arrested without incident for "Breaking and Entering—Residence," "Larceny from a Building" and "Habitual 4th Offense."](#) Confiscated were two (2) televisions and one (1) radio.

Northeastern District

On October 18th, officers from Northeastern District responded to the 2600 block of E. Eight Mile Rd. on a "Breaking and Entering Alarm" run. Once the burglary alarm was confirmed the officers immediately obtained a description of the wanted man and broadcasted it to fellow officers in the area. [Subsequent to an investigation and with the assistance of the witnesses, the man was arrested without incident for "Breaking and Entering—Business" and "Habitual 3rd Offense."](#)

Central District

On October 23rd, officers from the Central District responded to the 11000 block of W. Warren on a "Carjacking" run. An investigation revealed that two (2) men walked up to a car armed with a handgun and demanded the keys and the woman's jewelry. [As a result of an investigation both men were arrested for "Robbery/Armed—Citizen," "Carjacking," "Felony Firearm" and "Habitual 4th Offense."](#) Further investigation disclosed that both men were also responsible for numerous other robberies in the area.

Western District

On October 18th, officers of the Western District, while on patrol in the area of W. McNichols and Livernois, observed a man loitering in front of a gas station. The officers advised the man that he could not do that and to leave the premises. The officers drove by the area a second time and observed the same man pacing back and forth in front of the same location. [Subsequent to an investigation the man was arrested without incident for "Carrying Concealed Weapon-Person."](#) Confiscated was one (1) handgun.



Southwestern District



On October 19th, officers of the Southwestern District, while on patrol in the area of Plymouth and Wyoming, observed several men loitering in front of a gas station. [As a result of an investigation two \(2\) men were arrested without incident for "Violation of controlled Substance Act" and "Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle."](#) Confiscated was one (1) bag containing 100 tiny zip lock baggies of marijuana, one (1) sandwich bag containing seventeen crack rocks and one (1) vehicle.

Northwestern District

On October 22nd, officers of the Northwestern District, responded to the 24000 block of W. Seven Mile Rd. on an "Attempted Robbery—Just Happened" run. An investigation revealed that a man walked into the store produced a knife and demanded money from the cashier. The cashier was able to activate the hold up alarm and the man fled the location. [The man was subsequently arrested without incident for "Robbery/Armed-Business" and "Habitual 4th Offense."](#)

6. PRESENTATION-COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS SECTION

Cmdr. Leo Powers gave a brief overview of the Communication Operations Section and current endeavors. He also introduced his staff members.

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Comm. Holley asked Cmdr. Powell if our old communication system only consisted of one monitor.

Cmdr. Powers stated yes, sir.

Comm. Holley asked until what date.

Cmdr. Powers stated until September 11, 2005.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated to the Board that they need to see the entire consol setup. This new system is truly the state of the art system.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that this system has three monitors compared to the old system with one monitor.

Cmdr. Powers stated that's correct. You can use a single mouse to share information with all three monitors.

Comm. Okdie asked Cmdr. Powell to give a brief overview of the functionality of the system.

Cmdr. Powers stated that the new system gives you the speed and capability instead of dial-up.

Comm. Okdie stated that he is interested in the things that the new system can do that the old system couldn't do.

Cmdr. Powers stated that we can do graphics.

Comm. Okdie asked will the speed allow you to dispatch quicker.

Cmdr. Powers stated yes.

Comm. Okdie asked what kind of graphics are you talking about, "MPS".

Cmdr. Powers stated yes sir, maps and schematics.

Comm. Okdie asked will this allow you to scan a community.

Comm. Holley stated are you talking about something like On Star.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated there are two pieces to this system. The first piece is the system that we are showing you and the second piece is the Computer Aid Design (CAD) System, which will operate with the 800 mega hertz radios. This will allow our command to know exactly where our officers are at all times. When the radio is being used, the system will tell us which officer is using the radio. She stated she will get with Exec. Dir. Goss to schedule a tour of the new system for the Board.

Comm. Okdie stated those are some of the functionalities he is speaking of. He stated it is a much better system for the citizens and the Police Department.

Cmdr. Powers stated that's correct.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she receives calls from citizens asking why are there five police cars at a restaurant at the same time. This will be great to monitor a situation like this.

Cmdr. Powers stated we can do this with the new system.

Comm. Holley asked do the officers still need to have all the walkie-talkies.

Cmdr. Powers stated no, only the 800 mega hertz radio.

Chairperson Ramirez asked the Chief is there a policy in place when five cars go to lunch at the same time and at the same place.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that is a supervisory issue. They are responsible for monitoring the officers' lunch break. She stated five cars from one district or from another district should not be having lunch at the same time and place. It gives a bad perception to the citizens.

Chairperson Ramirez stated you are absolutely correct; it gives the citizens the wrong perception. She stated the citizens only look at the number of cars that are there.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that all police cars have identifications codes on them. A citizen can call and give the department those codes and we identify which district they work in.

Cmdr. Powers stated the new communication operators try to allow two vehicles to take a lunch break per district.

Comm. Holley asked how do you know you are getting the most out of this system.

Cmdr. Powers stated we are learning as we go, and we have learned to make adjustments.

Comm. Holley asked if you have five calls on the board and it takes you fifteen minutes to service those calls, and you want to handle those calls in three minutes, you can make that adjustment.

Cmdr. Powers stated yes, sir. The communication operators are given a visual of all the calls and how much time it took to service those calls.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how receptive were the operators to this new system.

Cmdr. Powers stated initially they were reluctant. They had a comfort zone and they did not want to leave the sixth floor.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated this facility has locker rooms with showers, workout area, lunch room, free parking and their working area is spacious. You have the fire dispatchers, 911 operators and dispatchers all in the same room.

She stated I want to talk about the Ticker Tape Board. Everyone in the room can see it because it is huge. This allows everyone to know what is going on.

Comm. Holley asked Cmdr Powell to identify the people at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Cmdr. Powers stated the first person on the right is Mr. Rayford.

Comm. Holley asked who is he.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated he is the Information Technology Manager for the city of Detroit. You have Victor Micardo (Director of Water and Sewage Dept.), Anthony Adams (Deputy Mayor), Mayor Kilpatrick, Tyrone Scott (Fire Chief) and an Executive from Motorola.

Comm. Holley stated you have the Water Department and the Fire Department present but, no one from of Board of Police Commissioners there.

Cmdr. Powers stated that Exec. Dir. Goss was there to represent the Board.

Comm. Holley asked do we have information about the new system on the government channel.

Cmdr. Powers stated not to my knowledge.

Comm. Holley asked could this be put on the government channel featuring the old and new system.

DC Motley stated that 2nd DC Tate did have Channel 7 News to film the new facility.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated to Comm. Holley that she agrees the department needs to do a comparison between the old and new system. The best time do this is when the CAD system becomes operational.

Comm. Holley stated from a marketing stand point, he would do the comparison now and when the Cad system becomes operational, he would do another one.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated you would not be able to distinguished differences in the hardware.

Chairperson Ramirez stated to the Chief she likes the idea to show the sixth floor setup versus the new system. She asked if there is an exercise room?

Cmdr. Powers stated yes, ma'am.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated but I don't think they use it.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that it is management job to get the employees excited about exercising.

Cmdr. Powers stated that he agrees, but he wants to make sure that everyone is using it correctly by getting clearances from their physician.

Chairperson Ramirez asked are you saying that they need a medical clearance for them to use the exercise room.

Cmdr. Powell stated no. We just want them to check with their physician first.

Chairperson Ramirez asked is there a waiver they have to sign.

Cmdr. Powers stated yes. It is a basic form that states they have checked with their physician.

Comm. Holley asked how do we compare our new communication system to other cities.

Cmdr. Powell stated the only city that comes to mind is Chicago. He has always admired their communication system and thinks the department's is better.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated two years ago Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, DC had the state of the art communication system. But, I agree with Cmdr. Powell that our system is much better.

7. REQUEST PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR GRANT

The Northeastern District is requesting permission to apply for a continuation of the Drive Michigan Safety Task Force alcohol and seatbelt grant offered by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. The grant period is for one-year, commencing **October 1, 2005** to **September 30, 2006**. The M.O.H.S.P. grant will pay overtime for officers' salaries. The total budget for this grant is **\$159,986. There is no cash match required by the City of Detroit.**

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the above Request.

SECOND: **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

THE TAPE WAS NOT AUDIABLE AT THIS POINT

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 3, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no oral communication from the audience.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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